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ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL EXPORT & TECHNOLOGY CENTER, INC.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES & FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

JUNE 30, 2000

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November 20, 2000

## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of Ark-La-Tex Regional Export & Technology Center, Inc. (ARETC) Shreveport, LA

I have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of Ark-La-Tex Regional Export & Technology Center, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of June 30, 2000, and the related statement of activities & functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ending. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ARETC as of June 30, 2000, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ending in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued a report dated November 20, 2000 on my consideration of the Company's compliance with laws and regulations.

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George E. McGovern III Certified Public Accountant

## ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL EXPORT & TECHNOLOGY CENTER, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2000

ASSETS Cash	\$ 20,106
Total Assets	<u>\$ 20,106</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Net Assets	\$ 20,106
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 20,106

# ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL EXPORT & TECHNOLOGY CENTER, INC. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES & FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2000

Revenues Rent Contribution from CDC Contribution from AIDC Other Income	\$ 31,711 104,630 27,174 40
Total Revenues	163,555
Expenditures Fringe Benefits Salaries Travel Telephone Rent Miscellaneous Maintenance  Total Expenditures	15,573 44,763 650 2,220 27,224 5,650 47,369
Revenues in Excess of Expenditures	20,106
Net Assets @ Beginning of Year	<u> </u>
Net Assets @ End of Year	<u>\$ 20,106</u>

## ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL EXPORT & TECHNOLOGY CENTER, INC. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2000

Cash Flows from Operating Activities Increase in Net Assets Depreciation & Amortization	\$ 20,106 0
Net Cash From Operating Activities	20,106
Cash Flows Used by Investing Activities Purchase of Equipment	0
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	0
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	20,106
Cash - Beginning of Year	0
Cash - End of Year	\$ 20,106

Note: The Company considers all maturities less than three months to be cash equivalents and no income taxes or interest were paid.

## ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL EXPORT & TECHNOLOGY CENTER, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

#### NOTE A - ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on a modified accrual basis, whereby all revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual and expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Ark-La-Tex Regional Export & Technology Center, Inc. (ARETC) uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain grants/programs/division. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Governmental funds are used to account for all of ARETC's activities.

ARETC is a private, not-for-profit, IRS Section 501(c)(3) Corporation. The Corporation operates primarily in the ten parishes of Northwest Louisiana. It is governed by an elected Board of Directors and provides business, industrial and economic development to both the private sectors and area governments. The Company was incorporated on 5/24/95.

Depreciation - Depreciation is provided on the straight line method over the useful life of the asset. The assets and land are recorded at cost.

	$\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ Life
Automobile	5 years
Equipment	5-10 years
Building & Improvements	20-40 years

The Company capitalized all assets with a cost greater than \$500 and a life in excess of one year.

Cash & Cash Equivalents - The Company considers all highly liquid debtinstruments with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Capitalized Interest - The Company did not capitalize any interest during this period.

Advertising - The Company expenses non-direct response advertising as incurred.

Budgets - Budgets are not required.

Impairment - The carrying value of property, equipment and intangibles is evaluated periodically in relation to the operating performance and future undiscounted cash flows of the underlying businesses. Adjustments are made if the sum of expected future cash flows is less than book value. For the year presented, no adjustment was necessary.

<u>Vacation</u> - The Company reimburses its employees for unused vacation time.

## ARK-LA-TEX REGIONAL EXPORT & TECHNOLOGY CENTER, INC. NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2000

#### NOTE B - AFFILIATIONS

The Company is affiliated with three nonprofit entities and two for-profit entity.

Nonprofit

CDC - The Coordinating & Development Corporation

AIDC - Ark-La-Tex Investment & Development Corporation

TD - Tri District Development Corporation

Profit

Bidco - Red River Valley Bidco, Inc.

N.W.E.D. Inc.

#### NOTE C - MANAGEMENT

The Company uses some of The Coordinating and Development Corporation's (CDC) employees to perform its duties and reimburses CDC for their cost.

#### NOTE D - ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles required management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### NOTE E - FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The fair value of financial instruments approximates the carrying (book) value because of the short maturity of these assets.

#### NOTE F - OPERATIONS

The Company is dependent upon the ten parishes in NW Louisiana economic growth/needs.

#### NOTE G - RELATED PARTY RENTAL

The Company entered into a 30 day lease for a facility from an affiliated company on May 30, 1998. Total rentals (like kind contributions) for this year was \$27,174.

An affiliated company has committed to advance funds to the Company for its vacation pay accrual. The total contributions from this Company for the year was \$104,630. An affiliated company (CDC) rents storage space and paid \$1,848 for the year.

#### NOTE H - SEP PLAN

The Company has an SEP Plan and contributed 15% for the year or a total of \$6,869.

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November 20, 2000

Independent Accountant's Report

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors of Ark-La-Tex Regional Export & Technology Center, Inc. (ARETC) Shreveport, LA

I have audited the financial statement of Ark-La-Tex Regional Export & Technology Center, Inc. (ARETC) (a nonprofit organization) as of and for the year ending June 30, 2000, and have issued my report thereon dated November 20, 2000. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Ark-La-Tex Regional Export & Technology Center, Inc.'s (ARETC) financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

## Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Ark-La-Tex Regional Export & Technology Center, Inc.'s (ARETC) internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

Board of Directors of Ark-La-Tex Regional Export & Technology Center, Inc. (ARETC) November 20, 2000 Page 2

This report is intended for the information of the management, federal awarding agencies, legislative auditor, and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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